

and we saw that the entire crew of the German ship were manning the rails, in their dress blues. They made up a sign that was displayed on the side that read "We Stand By You."

Needless to say there was not a dry eye on the bridge as they stayed alongside us for a few minutes and we cut our salutes. It was probably the most powerful thing I have seen in my entire life and more than a few of us fought to retain our composure. It was a beautiful day outside today.

We are no longer at liberty to divulge over unsecure e-mail our location, but we could not have asked for a finer day at sea. The German Navy did an incredible thing for this crew, and it has truly been the highest point in the days since the attacks. It's amazing to think that only a half-century ago things were quite different, and to see the unity that is being demonstrated throughout Europe and the world makes us all feel proud to be out here doing our job. After the ship pulled away and we prepared to begin our man overboard drills the Officer of the Deck turned to me and said "I'm staying Navy." I'll write you when I know more about when I'll be home, but for now, this is probably the best news that I could send you. Love you guys.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I rise today to speak about hate crimes legislation I introduced with Senator KENNEDY in March of this year. The Local Law Enforcement Act of 2001 would add new categories to current hate crimes legislation sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred January 7, 2001 in Ashburn, GA. Robert Martin, 32, was hospitalized in critical condition after being found lying outside an abandoned school with head injuries from a blunt object. In early April, Martin died as a result of the injuries. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating but has no suspects. Press reports indicate that Martin had been beaten and harassed before because of his perceived homosexuality.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 is now a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation, we can change hearts and minds as well.

AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE FROM NEW JERSEY

Mr. CORZINE. Madam President, it is with deep pride and a certain humility that I rise today to pay tribute to the women and men of New Jersey who in the midst of very personal loss and deep sadness, responded immediately to the rescue and recovery efforts that followed the despicable attack on the World Trade Center.

In the face of risk and danger, courageous New Jerseyans stepped forward

and brought a powerful message to the innocent victims and their desperate families: "You are not alone."

New Jersey firefighters, police, EMTs, technicians, nurses, doctors, construction workers and welders, worked tirelessly through day and night. New Jersey residents came out in force to donate blood, supplies, and resources. The open doors of New Jersey schools, places of worship, and homes welcomed the weary, the hungry, and the wounded.

All of this was done in the spirit of kindness and generosity, of selflessness and bravery that makes our nation the strongest in the world.

That spirit motivated the undaunted and determined passengers of United Flight 93, many of whom were New Jerseyans, to take action against hijackers for the noblest cause, so others might live.

Now that same spirit carries through communities around New Jersey where families and friends, neighbors and strangers alike, gather to console one another in this time of grief and anguish. Let there be no doubt, we are all in this together.

To the men and women of New Jersey who have reached out to others in this time of unspeakable devastation, may the peace that you share be an example for all the world. Your heroic deeds will never be forgotten.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNITION OF THE CALVARY CHAPEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the achievements of the Calvary Chapel Christian School in Santa Fe, which today will be named a State Champion by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The Calvary Chapel Christian School was selected for this prestigious honor based on their students' accomplishments in the President's Challenge Physical Activity and Fitness Awards Program. This program was originated by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966 and is especially important today given the increasing physical inactivity among American youth.

Calvary Chapel Christian School had a remarkable number of students that earned high scores on the President's Physical Fitness Challenge. These students demonstrated their abilities in four different physical fitness tests that tested agility, flexibility, strength, and endurance. This achievement is all the more prestigious given what the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports labels an "epidemic of physical inactivity" among American youth. More than one-third of high school students do not participate in vigorous physical activity on a regular basis. This epidemic has con-

tributed to an increase in several medical problems, such as diabetes, obesity, and osteoporosis, among our children.

Calvary Chapel Christian School can now serve as a role model for other schools in New Mexico and encourage them to emphasize the importance of physical fitness to their students. I congratulate Calvary Chapel Christian School on this honor, and I hope that other schools will follow their fine example.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2001, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 1, 2001, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2510. An act to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4201. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Energy Review for 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4202. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000" received on September 26, 2001; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4203. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Operating Subsidiaries of Federal Branches and Agencies" (12 CFR Parts 5 and 28) received on September 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4204. A communication from the National President of the Womens Army Corps Veterans Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual audit for the period beginning July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4205. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4206. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled